

Moran Statement on EPA Greenhouse Gas Rule

EPA Rule Will Hurt Job Creation in America

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jerry Moran issued the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency’s issuance of its final “tailoring rule.” This rule will allow the EPA to begin regulating businesses that emit greenhouse gases in the U.S.

“With the unemployment rate hovering at nearly ten percent, this rule could not come at a worse time for the U.S. economy and the millions of Americans who are looking for work,” said Moran. “These new regulations will increase the cost of electricity, motor fuel, building materials, and everyday consumer goods. The bottom line is that businesses are reluctant to hire new workers because of the increased cost and uncertainty of doing business. American businesses are the true job creators and they need our support to get our economy back on track. Instead of supporting businesses, the Administration has decided to heap on additional fees and penalties that will threaten thousands of jobs and hurt our economy.

“EPA’s rule is also legally suspect. Its attempt to manipulate the terms of the Clean Air Act is an affront to the legislative process and an abuse of executive power. Based on the way EPA wrote this rule, it is clear EPA understands that the Clean Air Act was not designed to regulate

greenhouse gases. Instead of allowing Congress to address the issue, EPA is attempting to disguise the negative effects of its regulation by rewriting the Clean Air Act. It is more important now than ever that Members of Congress join together and pass a disapproval resolution to stop further action on this rule by EPA.”

Moran is a sponsor of H. J. Res. 76 and H. J. Res. 77, legislation known as disapproval resolutions that were introduced earlier this year. These initiatives are designed to invalidate EPA’s regulation of greenhouse gases. Last December, Moran was the first Member of Congress to introduce a disapproval resolution to invalidate EPA’s greenhouse gas regulation when he introduced H. J. Res. 66.

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